



# June 1, 2013 National Trails Day Hikes offered at Indiana State Parks and Reservoirs

Chain O' Lakes: **8:30pm: "Sense the Night Hike"** Join the Naturalist for an easy walk on Trails 3 & 10. We'll put our senses to the test and discover the amazing adaptations of nocturnal animals. Bug repellent and closed-toed shoes are highly recommended. This hour long hike meets at the Campground General Store.

Clifty Falls: **2pm Brough's Trace "Rail-To-Trail" Adventure Hike** Join history and nature buffs on National Trails Day to hike the rugged stone works of one of Indiana's earliest railroad projects... in one of Indiana's most scenic environs, "Brough's Trace" in scenic Clifty Falls State Park. See two waterfalls, explore 1850's seat-of-the-pants railroad construction and enjoy the Ohio Valley in springtime. Scenic, rugged National Trails Day hike starts and ends at Hoffman Falls; lasts 90 minutes more or less. Wear sturdy hiking shoes/boots!

Hardy Lake: **9:30pm "Into the Night"** Join the Naturalist for a hike into the night and experience the forest in a completely new way. We will test our senses on this hike so leave your flashlights at home. Walking in the dark can be a challenge so we recommend wearing closed toed shoes. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Campground Gatehouse.


Harmonie: **1 pm "Trail 5 Trek"** Meet at the Campground Gatehouse. A 1 mile walk through succession and woods then along the levee of Big Harmonie Pond where there's always turtles sunning and frogs croaking.

Lieber SRA: **2:00pm "March to the Marsh"** Meet at Hilltop Shelter for a hike to the top of a steep hill to see Laughing Deer Marsh. Learn about the reservoir and bald eagles in Indiana. Smokey Bear will make an appearance at the end of the hike!

Mississinewa Lake: **1:00 pm "Blue Heron Trail Hike"**. Mississinewa Lake will provide a short hike at the Blue Heron Trail at. Meet at Blue Heron Trail for a hike and brief history of property.

Shades: **9:30pm "Hike Into The Night"** - gather near the Dell Shelter to take a wild hike after dark. Call in owls and fireflies, test your senses, and enjoy nature after dark. 1-hour easy hike.

Summit Lake: **6:00 pm "Trail 1 Woods Trail"** This portion of trail one is about 3/4 of a mile long and will take us back into a young woods. We will talk about the wetlands, the trees, the



wildlife, and the ancient farm equipment. We will meet in the Trail 1 parking lot. Please bring water and binoculars to watch the song birds!

Tippecanoe River: **7:00 PM – 8:00 PM “Evening Excursion”** In honor of National Trails Day let’s take a hike! Meet at the pit toilets in the northwest corner of the family campground to start our hike on Trail 4. Along the way, you can learn about the park’s many diverse habitats that make it unique to Indiana. Remember to dress appropriately with closed toe shoes, long sleeve shirts, pants, and plenty of mosquito repellent.

Turkey Run: **10am-3pm “Scavenger Hunt and Trail Clean-up”** - Pick up a scavenger hunt sheet in the nature center for fun while you hike. Take along a litter bag and help clean up the trails to earn a prize!

Versailles: **9:00AM: “Saturday Hike”** The Friends of Versailles will be having a Saturday hike on the 1<sup>st</sup> open to all who would like to attend. Meet at Oak Grove Shelter. 1-2 hours in length.